1	2	3	4
20.	Umiam Hydro Power Station Renovation Project	Maghalaya	1700
21.	Northern India Transmission System Project	Northern Region States	8497
22.	Hirakud Hydroelectric	Orissa	1800
23.	Lower Mettur Hydroelectric	Tamil nadu	7600
24.	Tamil Nadu State Hydro Power Station Construction	-do-	2000
25.	Basin Bridge Gas Turbine	-do-	11450
26.	Power Station Improvement & Small Hydro	-do-	24379
27.	Anpara Thermal Power Station Construction Project	Uttar Pradesh	119058
28.	Anpara Power Transmission System Project	-do-	31338
29.	Dhauliganga Hydroelectric Power Plant Construction Project	-do-	21981
30.	Teesta Canal Hydroelectric	West Bengal	14247
31.	Purulia Pumped Storage	-do-	21148
32.	Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project	-do-	69879
33.	West Bengal Transmission System Project	-do-	11087

Cogentrix Power Project in Karnataka

66. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported "misdeeds" of the American Cogentrix Company which was required to set up a 1,000 MW project in Karnataka;

(b) whether Government propose to hold CBI enquiry into the whole transaction of this multinational company; and

(c) whether State Government invited any open tender before awarding the contract to Cogentrix; if so, when; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The Government is aware of a Public Interest Writ Petition No. 10696/97 filed in the High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore in which certain allegations, *inter-alia*, have been made against the promoters of the 1000 MW Mangalore Power Project proposed to be set up in Karnataka. The Government of India has not been made a party to the petition.

(b) The order of the High Court of Karnataka for holding an investigation into the matter by the CBI has been stayed till further orders by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, while hearing an appeal filed by the Government of Karnataka against the order of the High Court.

(c) The project is being set up on the basis of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into between the Government of Karnataka and M/s Cogentrix Energy Inc., as competitive bidding was not mendatory at that point of time.

Supply of Surplus Power from Eastern Region to Kerala

67. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2029 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th March, 1997 and to state:

(a) whether GRIDCO had demanded more than 40 paise per unit as wheeling charge for transportation of power from Eastern Region/West Bengal to Kerala;

(b) the reasons for such demand when the wheeling charge was agreed at the rate of 17.5 paise per unit as stated in aforesaid reply indicating the factual position thereof;

(c) the wheeling charge per unit assessed by EREB/CEA; and

(d) the present status of supply of surplus power from Eastern Region/West Bengal to Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. GRIDCO had demanded more than 40 paise per unit as wheeling charges for transportation of power from Eastern Region to kerala.

(b) CRIDCO has been taking the stand that they are guided by the transmission tariff approved by Orissa Electricity Regulatory Commission which is 40 paise/kwh plus 7.5% towards transmission loss w.e.f. 1.4.1997. However, GRIDCO agreed to charge wheeling charge @ 17.5 paise/kwh for wheeling of energy to kerala based on the rate agreed by them for wheeling of energy to Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Based on system studies, CEA has assessed wheeling charges for transfer of power through GRIDCO system as 10 paise/kwh.

(d) Kerala has been receiving about 100 MW of power from Eastern Region through Western Region and over the 400 KV Chandrapur-Ramagundam inter regional line w.e.f. 1.2.1998. The month-wise quantum of energy supplied by Eastern Region to Kerala is furnished below:—

Month	Energy Supplied
February, 1998	69.16 MU
March, 1998	79.77 MU
April, 1998	78.97 MU
May, 1998 (Upto 11th May)	25.00 MU (approximate)

राजस्थान की लम्बित विद्युत परियोजनाएं

68. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत:** क्या **विद्युत** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राजस्थान राज्य विद्युत बोर्ड तथा राज्य सरकार द्वारा भेजी गयी कितनी विद्युत परियोजनाएं केन्द्र सरकार के पास स्वीकृति हेतु विचाराधीन हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने उक्त परियोजनाओं को स्वीकृति देने हेतु राज्य सरकार के साथ संयुक्त बैठक करने का कोई कार्यक्रम बनाया है; और

(ग) राज्य सरकार द्वारा वर्ष 1996-97 और 1997-98 में भेजी गयी परियोजनाओं से कितना विद्युत उत्पादन अपेक्षित है?

विद्युत मंत्री (श्री रंगराजन कुमारमंगलम): (क) और (ग) यथा दिनांक, राजस्थान राज्य बिजली बोर्ड से प्राप्त एक प्रस्ताव नाम से रामगढ़ चरण-II संयुक्त साईकल जी॰ टी॰ परियोजना (1 × 35 मे॰वा॰ जी॰टी॰ + 1 × 35 मे॰वा॰ एस॰टी॰) को तकनीकी आर्थिक स्वीकृति प्रदान किए जाने के लिए केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण के विचाराधीन है। 1996-97 और 1997-98 के दौरान राज्य बिजली बोर्ड/राज्य सरकार से किसी प्रकार की कोई नई स्कीम प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(ख) जी, नहीं। तकनीकी आर्थिक स्वीकृति केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण द्वारा सांविधिक शक्तियों के अंतर्गत प्रदान की जाती है, तथापि, पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय द्वारा उल्लिखित कथित परियोजना के लिए गैस